BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)
FOR CHANGE OF APPROPRIATION WATER)
RIGHT NO. G15152-s76L BY FRANK POPE)

CERTIFICATION TO DIRECTOR

WHEREAS, Objectors Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes and U.S. Department of the Interior have moved that this Application be dismissed alleging that the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation has no jurisdiction to issue Water Use Permits within the exterior boundaries of the Flathead Indian Reservation; and

WHEREAS, the motion involves a controlling question of law which if finally determined would materially advance the ultimate termination hereof,

NOW, THEREFORE, the Examiner hereby certifies the motion together with briefs filed thereon and a tape recording of oral arguments made thereon to the Director for final determination.

Dated this $3^{-1/2}$ day of November, 1989.

Robert H. Scott, Examiner

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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